

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

MINUTES May 13-14, 2015

Regular Meeting

California Regional Water Quality Control Board-Lahontan Region
South Lake Tahoe Office, Annex Hearing Room
971 Silver Dollar Avenue
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150;

Board Members Participating

Keith Dyas, Vice Chair, Rosamond
Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee
Don Jardine, Markleeville
Peter C. Pumphrey, Bishop
Eric Sandel, Truckee

Board Member Absent

Kimberly Cox, Chair, Helendale

Legal Counsel

Kimberly Niemeyer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

Regional Board Staff Participating

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer
Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer
Mike Plaziak, Sup. Engineering Geologist
Douglas Smith, Sup. Engineering Geologist
Cathe Pool, Senior WRCE

Alan Miller, Senior WRCE
Rich Booth, Senior Engineering Geologist
Tom Gavigan, Senior Engineering Geologist
Robert Larsen, Senior Environmental Scientist
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant

REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, May 13, 2015- 7:00 p.m.

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INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Dyas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on May 13, 2015, and introduced Board Members.

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel and Regional Water Board staff.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

OTHER BUSINESS**2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11-12, 2015, held South Lake Tahoe**

This item was postponed until June

REPORTS**3. Reports by Water Board Chair and Board Members**

Board Member Jardine, who is on the Board of Directors for the Carson Water Subconservancy District, stated that they will be presenting a video of the Leviathan Mine Superfund site at their next Board Meeting.

4. Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, presented the [April and May Written Reports](#) and gave additional updates on:

- a. June 1, 2015 Mojave Tour with State Board Member Felicia Marcus and CalEPA Undersecretary, Gordon Burns;
- b. Tour of Mammoth Creek Restoration Projects during the June Board Meeting in Bishop;
- c. Tour of Truckee River Watershed Restoration during the July Board Meeting in South Lake Tahoe;
- d. Upcoming 19th Annual Tahoe Summit with U.S. Senator Heller hosting August 24; 2015
- e. Cathe Bumgardner-Pool has joined the Tahoe staff as a Senior Water Resource Control Engineer in charge of the Enforcement and Special Projects Unit;
- f. The Jeep that was stolen was found in Las Vegas, it will be retired from service and the Tahoe office will be getting a new vehicle;
- g. The Victorville office continues to search for a new larger office space;
- h. As of May 1 Region 6 has joined the rest of the Water Boards using an electronic filing system called ECM;
- i. The Crystal Geyser facility in Olancho, Ca, has been issued a Notice of Violation and an Amended Investigative Order. Additionally, they are proposing to open a new facility just north of their Olancho facility;
- j. There will be a General Compost Oder workshop held on July 7, 2015 in Sacramento by the State Board; and
- k. The Lahontan Water Board is funding \$200,000 from the State Lands account for a contract with USGS to determine the cause of increased algae growth on the Tahoe nearshore.

OTHER BUSINESS**5. Underground Storage Tank Program Workshop**

Tom Gavigan, Senior Engineering Geologist and Chief of the Cleanup and Site Investigation Unit, gave a presentation on the underground storage tank program.

In his presentation, he discussed the progression of the program over 30 years which has largely addressed a significant pollution problem through investigation and cleanup, and improved fueling system equipment. He then went on to give an overview of current UST case load, management of cases, and highlighted successes and challenges.

6. Delegating Water Board Authority to the Executive Officer Workshop

Robert Larsen, Senior Environmental Scientist presented this item to the Board. Mr. Larsen summarized the six existing delegations and presented three courses of action the Board could take to resolve the redundancy and conflicting policies in the current delegations. The Board agreed that rescinding the six existing delegations and replacing them with a simple resolution delegating all Water Board authorities to the Executive Officer should be done. Additionally a memorandum will be drafted to give the Executive Officer and staff guidance as to what types of items should be brought before the Board for approval. A draft resolution and memorandum will be circulated for public comment and brought before the Board at a later Board Meeting for approval.

Note: The Water Board recessed at 9:28 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, May 14, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Dyas called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. on May 14, 2015, and introduced Board Members.

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel and Regional Water Board staff.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

8. Vail Resorts and USFS-Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Heavenly Mountain Resort, El Dorado and Alpine Counties

Bud Amorfini, Engineering Geologist, presented this item to the Board. Mr. Amorfini highlighted the scope of the project and discussed the resolved concerns. Jeff Marsolais, Forest Supervisor, addressed the Board in favor of the project and expressed his appreciation for all of the work and collaboration that has gone into this project. Andrew Strain, Heavenly's vice president of planning and governmental affairs gave an overview on Resort's plans to expand their summer programs which will bring nature to the public in an accessible way. He also thanked staff for all of their efforts in bringing this item forward to the Board.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Pumphrey, and seconded by Dr. Horne, to certify the Environmental Impact Report and adopt the updated waste discharge requirements as presented with two date changes on bates pages 8-23 and 8-41 from May 13th to May 14th. The Vice Chair called for a Roll Call Vote and the motion **carried** per the following votes:

Ms. Cox	absent
Mr. Dyas	aye
Dr. Horne	aye
Mr. Jardine	aye
Mr. Pumphrey	aye
Mr. Sandel	aye

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6T-2015-0021](#)

Note: The Board took a break from 9:10 to 9:22 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Status Report on Climate Change Adaptation Workshops

Doug Smith, Supervising Engineering Geologist, began his report with a synthesis of the 400 ideas that had been captured during the November 2014 and January 2015 Climate Change Workshop brainstorm sessions. He presented a conceptual model that identified climate changes, negative impacts, and existing tools. Mr. Smith discussed the timeline to submit the final Action Plan to the State Board in 2016. Ms. Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer, helped facilitate a discussion with the Board to develop and implement this action plan.

There was a robust discussion by the Board and several key needs were discussed:

- Acknowledging a climate change subcommittee may be needed
- emphasizing wetland restoration
- Holding more workshops to collaborate with other agencies on implementing climate change policy
- Limiting floodplain expansion and protecting groundwater recharge areas
- Engaging and assisting Disadvantaged Communities (DAC's)
- Creating a strategy to identify the highest priorities and next steps
- Retaining aquifer capacity
- Identifying what policies are easy to change, politically controversial, and the cost
- Prioritizing what is the biggest threat to water quality
- What areas do we need more information on
- Finding where we can overlap policies to cover gaps

Mr. Smith thanked the Board for their direction and an update on progress will be presented to the Board in July.

10. CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m. on May 14, 2015.



Prepared by: _____ Adopted: June 11, 2015
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant